



The Sixth Form

April 2024

Dear Year 11 Student

This letter is being sent to all Year 11 students. Even if you haven't applied for the Joint Sixth Form at this stage, you can still apply now.

If you have already applied, thank you! Subject to achieving the entrance criteria (please refer to the Sixth Form Prospectus on the school website for course-specific requirements), you now have a place in the Beaminster Colfox Joint Sixth Form. *Congratulations!*

Please be aware that the basic entry criteria for A Level courses of **five GCSE passes at grade 5 or above** is the same as, or more demanding than, other local providers. Unless you have indicated a firm commitment to your place in the Joint Sixth Form, we will assume you will accept other offers if you achieve the entry criteria.

You now need to select the **three A Level courses** that you wish to study from the four columns on the form. If you select BTEC Sport Extended Diploma (equivalent to three A Levels), you need to do so in **all three** columns with 'BTEC Sport'. If you select BTEC Sport Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels), you need to do so in **both** 'Dip' columns **and** choose a complementary A Level. ***If you have any issues or are considering four A Level courses, please contact your Head of Sixth Form as soon as possible.***

All A Level students should select **at least one** enrichment course. Details of the courses are below.

The preferred method for making choices is via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XMNF68ziA6>

Alternatively, paper forms should be submitted to Reception at Beaminster, to student reception or Tracey Smith at Colfox, or emailed T.Smith@colfox.dorset.sch.uk. All completed forms must be returned by **Monday 22nd April 2024**.

It is worth reminding you of the challenge you should expect in the Joint Sixth Form. Exams in Year 13, which cover the two year linear courses, are very demanding. You will need to approach your studies with commitment, hard work and resilience. Your attitude, attendance and assessment data will be carefully monitored, and *your place in the Sixth Form may be at risk if you do not make expected progress or demonstrate effective learning behaviour.*

Sixth Form Induction will take place in the summer term. This is a chance for students to meet their new classmates, visit both school sites and take part in induction activities.

Finally, let us take this opportunity to wish you all the best in the summer. Try your best, work hard and demonstrate just how good you are! Good luck!

Yours sincerely,

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Using this link is the best way to select your options:

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Alternatively, please complete the form below:

Name Tutor Group

Step 1 – Please select **3 subjects** from the four columns B – E that you wish to study (only one subject per column). Write your choices in the space provided below the option blocks.

OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C	OPTION D	OPTION E
Enrichment (see below)	BTEC Sport Dip* Physical Education Biology Philosophy & Ethics Film Studies Photography Computer Science	Food & Nutrition Sociology Psychology Music Tech History French Maths DT Product Design	BTEC Sport Ext. Dip* Geography Maths Art Chemistry Drama & Theatre Business Studies	BTEC Sport Dip* Eng Language Eng Literature Physics Biology Psychology Art Spanish
Course selection here	Course selection here	Course selection here	Course selection here	Course selection here
*Remember that BTEC Sport Extended must be selected in columns B, D and E and BTEC Sport Diploma must be selected in columns B and E with an extra A Level to complement				

Step 2 - Please select at **least one** of the enrichment options listed below.

Core Maths	You should select Core Maths if <u>not</u> taking Maths A Level but intend to take any Science subject, Psychology, Geography or Business Studies
EPQ	You could select EPQ if you want to work independently (in a university style) to produce an essay or artefact on a topic of your choice
Further Maths	Available only to students taking Maths A Level
Ancient History	An 'AS' qualification that is planned to take two years
Government & Politics	An 'AS' qualification that is planned to take one year to complete

Note: Maths and English GCSE retakes are compulsory for any student who does not achieve a grade 4.

Step 3 - I confirm that it is my firm intention to enrol in The Joint Sixth Form: YES NO

If **NO**, please provide details of your intended place of study / employment:

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Step 4 – Return your completed form by **Monday 22nd April 2024**.